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Delay in the payment of teaching grants to the managers of aided schools in Ganjam and Vizagapatam.

* 58 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of teaching grant cheques that were to be issued to the managers of aided schools by the District Elementary Education Councils of Ganjam and Vizagapatam each separately during the years 1926-27 to 1928-29, both inclusive ;

(*b*) how many such cheques were issued to the teacher-managers before the 31st March in each of these three years ;

(*c*) whether any complaints have been, at any time, made regarding undue delays in respect of payment of these teaching grants in these two districts ;

(*d*) whether any money had to be lapsed in consequence of such undue delay in any one of these two districts in any of these three years ;

(*e*) whether any enquiries have been made into this question ; and

(*f*) whether the Government have taken or propose to take any action to minimise the recurrence of such delays ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information but have called for it from the District Educational Councils concerned.

(*c*) At the meeting of the Council held on 8th September 1928, the Hon'ble Member's interpellation in regard to the delay in the disbursement of teaching grants for 1927-28 by the District Educational Council, Ganjam, was answered. Besides this, no complaint has been received by Government.

(*d*) The unspent balances at the end of a year out of the allotments for teaching grants placed at the disposal of District Educational Councils do not lapse.

(*e*) An enquiry was made with reference to the interpellation referred to in the answer to clause (*c*).

(*f*) Instructions have been issued in May last to District Educational Councils with a view to facilitate the disbursement of teaching grants before the close of the year to which they relate.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know the reason why clauses (*a*) and (*b*) have not been answered ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For the simple reason that Government have not got the information."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to clause (*c*), it was said on a previous occasion that Government would call for information. May I know whether Government have called for the information and whether they will lay it on the table if they have any information ? May I know also the reason why the grants have not yet been disbursed ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not understand what the hon. Member refers to."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Regarding the disbursement of grants to managers of aided elementary schools ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, the Government have no information on this point."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*d*) of the question, may I know whether block grants are given year after year?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" They are not block grants, but they are teaching grants placed at the disposal of District Educational Councils."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Are the grants given in lump amounts to District Educational Councils?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to lay on the table the information asked for when he gets it?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I will consider it, Sir."

Provision for teaching Urdu to Muhammadan boys in the Board High School, Harpanahalli.

* 59 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boys whose vernaculars are Telugu and Kanarese respectively in the Board High School, Harpanahalli, Bellary district;

(*b*) the number of Muhammadan boys in the said school and the arrangements, if any, that exist for teaching them Urdu as an optional subject; and

(*c*) whether any memorial was received from the Muhammadans of Harpanahalli requesting that provision should be made for teaching Urdu in the school, and, if so, what are the orders passed by the Government thereon?

A.—(*a*) The number of pupils studying Telugu as their vernacular is reported to be 42 and the number studying Kanarese 340.

(*b*) The number of Muhammadan pupils in the school is reported to be 47. The Government understand that the employment of a trained Muhammadan teacher has recently been sanctioned by the District Board and that a start has been made from 1st July 1929 to teach Urdu to the Muhammadan pupils from the 4th class.

(*c*) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education how long the school has been going on without a teacher for the teaching of Urdu?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know why there was such a delay in appointing an Urdu teacher for the school?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is a matter under the control of the Bellary District Board."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister make an enquiry into the matter?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, we have called for information."